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For: METHOD OF INCREASING SPEED OF SILVER HALIDE COLOR
PHOTOSENSITIVE MATERIAL

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

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prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed thirty days or fewer from the communication from a foreign patent office and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d) is attached.

An office action dated August 15, 2006 issued in the basic Japanese application, citing the following reference(s).

Japanese Kokai Publication 5-224370, dated September 3, 1993 (First cited)

Japanese Kokai Publication 2001-147508, dated May 29, 2001 (First cited)

Japanese Kokai Publication 2001-147507, dated May 29, 2001 (First cited)

Japanese Kokai Publication 7-64257, dated March 10, 1995 (First cited)

Japanese Kokai Publication 2-96133, dated April 6, 1990 (First cited)

Japanese Kokai Publication 1-164943, dated June 29, 1989 (First cited)

Enclosed is a copy of each reference FIRST cited. Also enclosed is a copy of the office action (Notification of Reasons for Rejection) with a complete English translation, so that if any reference is not in English, a concise explanation of relevance can be omitted. (MPEP 609.04(a)).

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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